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52ND DISTRICT COURT
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ROBERT BONDY
DISTRICT JUDGE

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February 20, 2007

Honorable Wendy Potts
Oakland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
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Pontiac, Michigan 48341

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Corporation Counsel

Dear Judge Potts:

The members of the Oakland County District Judges Association met on Thursday, February 8, and reviewed the proposal to revise the Jail Overcrowding Emergency Act, MCL 805.51 et seq, as drafted by the Oakland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The district judges in attendance at the meeting voted to support the CJCC's revisions to the Act with the following two changes: First, the persons noted in Section 2 as those designated to determine low bonds (only in the context of a jail overcrowding emergency) are the chief circuit judge or his/her designee, a district judge chosen as a representative of the district court judges in the county and the chief probate judge or his/her designee. Second, in addition to the persons who cannot be released upon completion of 85% of their sentence, all drunk driving offenses would be designated as not eligible for early release. It was our understanding that these two revisions should not pose a problem for the CJCC.

The Oakland County District Judges Association appreciates the opportunity for continuing input and dialogue with the CJCC as this proposal works its way through the State Legislature.

Very truly yours,

Robert Bondy, President
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